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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S MEETING WITH HABIB  
BOURGUIBA, JR.

1. DURING COURSE OF PRIVATE VISIT TO U.S., HABIB BOURGUIBA,  
JR. CALLED AUGUST 28 ON UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM. MEETING  
WAS LARGELY AN OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW THEIR ACQUAINTANCE  
AND A RESTATEMENT OF BOURGUIBA, JR.'S PREVIOUSLY REPORTED  
VIEWS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO NEWSOM'S INQUIRY ABOUT HIS FATHER'S  
HEALTH, BOURGUIBA REPORTED THAT THE PRESIDENT IS VERY  
QUOTE PEPPERY UNQUOTE. HE PLACED BLAME FOR TUNISIA'S  
TROUBLES OF LAST TWO YEARS ON ALGERIA AND LIBYA, PARTICU-  
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LARLY THE LATTER, STATING THAT QADHAFI HAD USED UGTT AS  
AN INSTRUMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE SAID QADHAFI HAD MADE  
IT CLEAR HE WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN ANY SERIOUS COOPERATION  
WITH TUNISIA, E.G. IN SHARING CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL  
RESOURCES, UNTIL BOURGUIBA SR. DIES AND THAT HE THEN  
EXPECTS TO HAVE MORE SUCCESS BENDING TUNISIA TO HIS WILL.

3. IN DISCUSSING SOUSSE TRIAL, BOURGUIBA BLAMED INCOMPETENT PROSECUTION FOR CLOUDED OUTCOME. HE SAID ACHOUR WILL BE TRIED IN A CIVIL COURT UNLESS THE COURT ALSO RULES ITSELF

INCOMPETENT. IN REVIEWING TUNISIA'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE DURING PAST TWO YEARS, BOURGUIBA CHARACTERIZED GROWTH AS DISAPPOINTING AND PUT BLAME ON INCREASED WAGES.

4. AMBASSADOR HEDDA TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MEETING TO PLEAD FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PL-480 ALLOCATION OF 25,000 TO 40,000 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT DURING CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. NEWSOM SAID HE WOULD HAVE THIS POSSIBILITY INVESTIGATED. CHRISTOPHER

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